



Community Conservation Challenge Helps Launch Efficiency Projects

Non Profit Agencies to split \$400,000 to fund neighborhood energy efficiency upgrades

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(Indianapolis) – Lt. Governor Becky Skillman has announced the four community projects to be funded through the Community Conservation Challenge (CCC). Each project will receive a \$100,000 grant to partially fund energy efficiency projects that have community-wide impact. The CCC competitive grant program, using federal funds administered by the Indiana Office of Energy Development was launched in August.

“Each of these projects show great initiative on the part of both community leaders and private sector partners,” said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. “The efficiencies that will be realized through these projects will have a lasting impact on Hoosiers in those communities.”

The four projects are:

Central Indiana Community Foundation (Marion County) will replace dated and inefficient single-glazed windows in a former public school building being redeveloped as a community center. Window replacement is just one of many projects in the \$3.9 million planned investment in the building.

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville (Vanderburgh County), in partnership with Glenwood Neighborhood Association, Crossroads Christian Church, and Vectren Corporation, has designed a collaborative program to assist 100 households within the Glenwood Neighborhood in reducing their annual residential utility cost. The program will employ the use of simple and inexpensive energy conservation and weatherization products and services to permanently reduce monthly utility cost.

Indiana Interchurch Center (Marion County) will install an energy management system, add a 20-panel solar installation, painting the black roof with a durable, white, solar reflective coating; and create and host webinars and luncheons for communities of faith interested in learning more about greening their own buildings of worship.

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana, Inc. (Delaware County) will upgrade the roof of its 53,000 sq ft industrial building to increase energy efficiency and reduce energy costs.

The competitive grant process required proposed projects to result in significant energy conservation, have broad community support, leverage funds, and be highly visible. While applicants had to be nonprofit organizations, collaborations with both public and private entities were encouraged. All the projects should be completed by April, 2011.

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